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SUBJECT: MEA WILL NOT ATTEND BHUTANESE REFUGEE MEETING

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11. (C) The GOI will not attend the proposed July 14 meeting in New York of the truncated Core Group on Bhutanese Refugees (Reftel), MEA Director (North) Vikas Swarup told PolOff on June 26. Swarup stated that the GOI would be interested in receiving a read-out of the meeting, but that due to "sensitivities" it would continue privately to press the GON and RGOB to solve the issue. He acknowledged that the MEA has held discussions about applying more overt pressure on the two governments, but has so far decided to maintain its current policy of acting "behind the scenes."

12. (C) Noting a June 26 press report out of Nepal that quoted Nepalese Foreign Minister Oli as stating that the GON wants to begin a "direct and fresh initiative" with Bhutan, Swarup remarked that the Joint Verification Team (JVT) process may not lead to a solution. He highlighted Oli's statement that Nepal may give up "all futile efforts made by the 15th round of negotiations" and suggestion that a new classification system of just two categories, either Bhutanese or non-Bhutanese, as evidence that the JVT could be "on it's last legs."

13. (C) Swarup concluded that the GOI has a national interest in resolving the issue expeditiously because "the radicalization of camp members" is a concern. He noted that he would discuss the issue and reftel demarche with the appropriate MEA personnel and looked forward to our impressions of the July 14 meeting.

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